

REMARKS

The Office Action dated May 19, 2006 has been received and carefully reviewed. The preceding amendments and the following remarks form a full and complete response thereto. Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 3, 7 and 9 have been amended. New claims 10-11 have been added. Support for the amendments can be found *inter alia* in the original claims. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 2-11 are pending in this application and are submitted for consideration.

Claims 3-8 were found to contain allowable subject matter and were written into independent form. Claim 1 was cancelled and claims 2 and 9 have been amended to depend from allowable claims. New claims 10-11 depend from allowable claims. Accordingly, all rejections made in the Office Action are now moot. Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and requests that claims 2-11 be allowed and this application passed to issue.

In the event that this paper is not timely filled, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

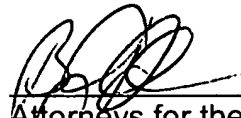
If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by

telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date



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